

MAY STOP LICENSE PLATES SERVICE

John P. Hackett today repeated his intention of removing the bureau unless there was a greater number of applicants for their 1931 plates.

"After Feb. 1," he said, "motorists driving automobiles in Birmingham with old license plates will be arrested for violating the state law. Because of the depression felt at the end of last year

the state agreed to grant the people an additional month in which to purchase their new license plates. Apparently the people are taking advantage of the permission to do not take advantage of the department's offer to obtain the plates for them as soon as possible. I shall find it necessary to discontinue the service. There will certainly be long lines of last-minute license-plate purchasers unless some action is taken soon."

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GLEE CLUB SINGS HERE ON TUESDAY

Set Time At 7:45, Community House For Program Sponsored By Lions Club

At 7:45 instead of 8:15 Tuesday night, Jan. 27, the Michigan Glee Club boys will sing at the Community House, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Quartet numbers will be arranged for the program so that the singers can hurry away to their books, "cranking" for early examinations the following day.

The Lions Club was much alarmed last week for fear the concert would again have to be postponed because of school examinations. Attempts were made to engage the Ypsilanti choir or the Michigan State Glee Club or some similar organization to replace the Michigan Glee Club from Ann Arbor, but reassurance was given the local committee Tuesday that everything would be carried through as scheduled, if the time for beginning the program could be set just half an hour earlier, according to Mr. Arthur Wines, who had made arrangements for the program.

Mr. Robert Campbell, treasurer of the U. of M., probably will accompany the Glee Club men on their trip to Birmingham, and the head of the music department of the School of Music, Mr. Hackett, also is expected.

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vania where he had held public office, he says.

Political activities in Southfield Township, while not yet officially announced, probably will draw as great a number of candidates for the various offices as last year when agitation over the purchase of the fighting equipment turned the election into a heated controversy at the last minute.

Both Say 'Probably'

Charles Birmingham, incumbent supervisor, announces that he probably will run again and that he understands Charles Bilovsky, Democrat, will oppose him for nomination. Bilovsky, who is the other hand says that he "probably" will run again and that he understands Birmingham is certain to oppose him.

Other political figures mentioned as possible candidates for supervisor are Joseph Brooks, Battery man Woods and D. E. Hughes, all of whom have held political office. Brooks formerly was township supervisor and Hughes formerly was highway commissioner.

Arthur B. Baynes, township treasurer, has been urged to seek re-nomination but has not decided to announce his intentions. Mr. Ona M. Utley, township clerk, is known whether she will again be a candidate. Aspirants for other taken out nominating petitions. Mr. Birmingham and Mr. Bilovsky registered.

Finance Is Topic

Much of the interest in the Southfield election this year is expected to center on the township finances which have been the center of discussion for many months. The Southfield Drain Commission has been declared invalid and the taxes are largely delinquent in that area. The township budget also may be used as political ammunition by oratorical candidates. It is pointed out that in 1928 the budget was \$88,000; in 1929 it was cut to \$49,000 and in 1930 because of the tax delinquencies, raised to \$70,000.

Township this year will find Elmer Ford and Garrier M. Miller, incumbent, seeking nomination on the Republican ticket for supervisor. Five candidates are already in the field for highway commissioner. They are Harry Grant Lake, Paul, Glenn Hadden, Martin Stumpf and Harold Stock. Grant Lake, township clerk has announced his intention of seeking re-nomination although he has not yet taken out nominating petitions, as has Henry B. Eveman, who is seeking re-nomination as township treasurer.

Raymond Ferguson will be a candidate for Justice of the Peace, full term, Mr. Ladd says.

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State, Barnum \$30.
Business girls luncheon.
Thursday, Jan. 29—
Lodge No. 44 F. & A. M. Fellowship, 7:30 p. m. Masonic Temple.
Annual Senior Washington group pancake breakfast in school cafeteria.
Basketball, Fitch vs. DeMolay Quarters, 7:30; E. M. T. vs. B. A. C., Quarters 8:30.
Junior A. U. W. dinner at the Community House.
Friday, Jan. 30—
Baldwin High School graduation.

To the members of the Birmingham Community House Association: That the annual meeting of the Birmingham Community House Association, a non-profit corporation, will be held at the Community House, on Monday, February 2nd, 1931, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. Signed: Lilian Holt, President, Cecil Whalen, Secretary

Cranbrook Church Has Special Service

At Christ Church Cranbrook on Sunday, 11 a. m., a special service of the patronal feast of St. Paul, will be in charge of Dean Kirk B. O'Ferrall of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit.

Dr. S. S. Marcus, rector of Christ Church will have charge of the service in St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, Sunday morning in an exchange courtesy, for their special patronal feast observance.

Patrons of the church are not usually observed at the Christ Church Cranbrook, since the church is more of a neighborhood congregation, though 600 to 700 attend regularly.

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less drinking, too. My observation is that there is not anywhere so much drinking today as there would have people believe. If you don't live the Eighteenth Amendment don't expect to change it by abusing it; it should be a law-abiding citizen should.

Tells of Smuggling

Colonel Pickert, who was introduced by Charles A. Birmingham, stated that the railroads are estimated to move 80 millions of tons of steel, and this will aid in bringing about an immediate improvement in business conditions. He pointed out some of the problems that his department has to contend with, especially in the matter of smuggling. Few people ever do much smuggling, because inevitably they are caught—even though several years elapse between the act of smuggling and apprehension. The United States government maintains secret spies all over the world and the diamond tiara a man may buy for his wife in Amsterdam, or the expensive gown he may purchase in America, are often reported by the very clerk who sells them, stated Colonel Pickert.

Government pays each informed 25 per cent of the sum collected from a smuggler," explained the speaker. Approximately 150 millions of dollars worth of goods are purchased annually by American tourists in Canada, as shown by the declarations in all the ports between Ogdensburgh, N. Y., and the Soo. The tariff laws are the bases of the U. S. Customs revenues, went on the speaker; last year they produced 680 million dollars revenue for the federal government.

Colonel Pickert decried the lack of sportsmanship shown by the average citizen in the country toward law and order. "In most foreign countries the population respects the laws of the land for their mutual protection; but in this country it seems that law is a thing to be challenged—not obeyed," he said.

As late as five months ago Detroit was the center of the country; now it is the driest, believes Colonel Pickert. However, he warned against the danger of the spread of narcotics in the United States, and declared that "I'd rather see a thousand cases of liquor come in under my nose than 10 ounces of dope."

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firmation of a theft—a theft of astounding significance!

(Please do not yawn. There's a reason for this advice.)

The theft was reported, of course, and Patrolman Appel, eager to begin search for the culprit, appeared before Chief John F. Hackett, Chief Hackett's instructions were brief. They pierced the atmosphere of the Birmingham Police Department with the crisp sound of authority.

"You know the facts," he said. "Use every opportunity, every raw known to immortality, every method known to science and art, the knowledge compiled through all the ages. I know how you must feel, Officer Appel."

And then the chief leaned forward. The knuckles of his powerful right hand rested easily for a moment on the green top of the desk. The chief's jaw grew gradually square, harder and the light in his eye flashed like that of a man seeing red.

The chief leaned farther forward, the knuckles of his hands now white as alabaster and the desk straining under the terrific weight. Then the chief whispered, dramatically, his final command: "Get that tooth!"

Cheers resounded throughout the Municipal Building as Patrolman Appel bounded up the steps. And when the encouraging shouts of his fellow officers had subsided, Chief Hackett delivered the rest of his assignments—principally concerning stray dogs, lost dogs, and just dogs.

That was several days ago. But the search continues. Patrolman Appel will not be satisfied. His clues he keeps to himself, as good detectives invariably do. Persons he suspects—well, it has been reported that male quartets, men eating apples, men gazing skyward at passing airplanes, etc., etc., have come under his inspection. And if you are the culprit—do not expect Patrolman Appel may appear from behind the bookcase in time to identify his tooth.

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